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METABOLISM IN A BODY AND IMAGING METHOD

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee for the above-identified continuation application, the follow amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows.

Page 1 of the English-language specification, before the section heading "BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION," please add the following new section.

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO EARLIER APPLICATIONS

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This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/203,610 filed 2 December 1998, now allowed, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/149,155 filed 8 September 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,128,517, which is a